

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 3, 4, 6, 9 13 and 15 will be pending. Claims 1-2, 5, 7-8, 10-12 and 14 have been cancelled.

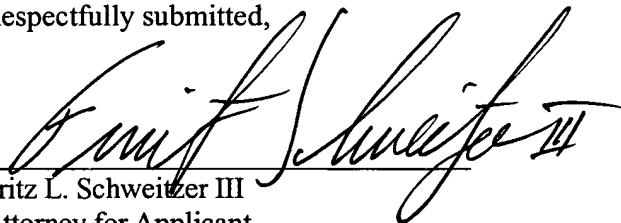
Independent claims 3, 6 and 13 have been amended to recite a plurality of muzzle extensions of various lengths. It is believed that this amendment eliminates the rejection raised by the Examiner under § 112 and places these claims in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 9 and 15 depend from claims 3, 6 and 13, respectively and, therefore, it is believed that these claims are allowable as well.

It is believed that the present amendment should be entered since the amended claims are within the scope of previously presented claims and are in condition for allowance.

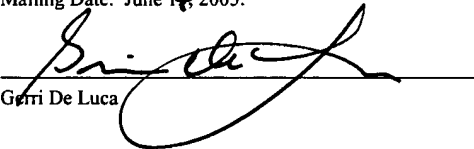
In light of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be reconsidered and allowed.

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